

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet is added.

Attachment: Drawing Sheet.

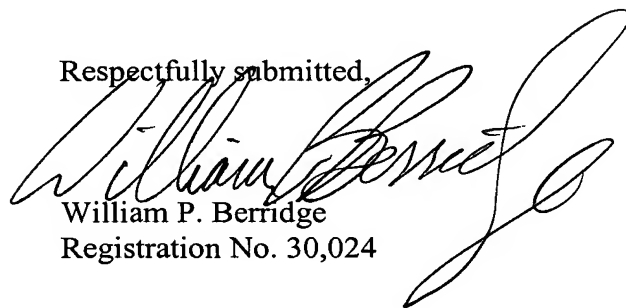
REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

This Preliminary Amendment adds photographic Figure 1 to the specification. The figure is a photograph of the chalcogenide vitroceramic of the composition described in example 3 of the specification. Support for the photograph can be found in the application as filed, for example, at page 9, lines 1-8, as well as in the priority application, French Patent Application No. 03 08298 filed July 7, 2003. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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